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CHAPTER 6

Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985 and Rules

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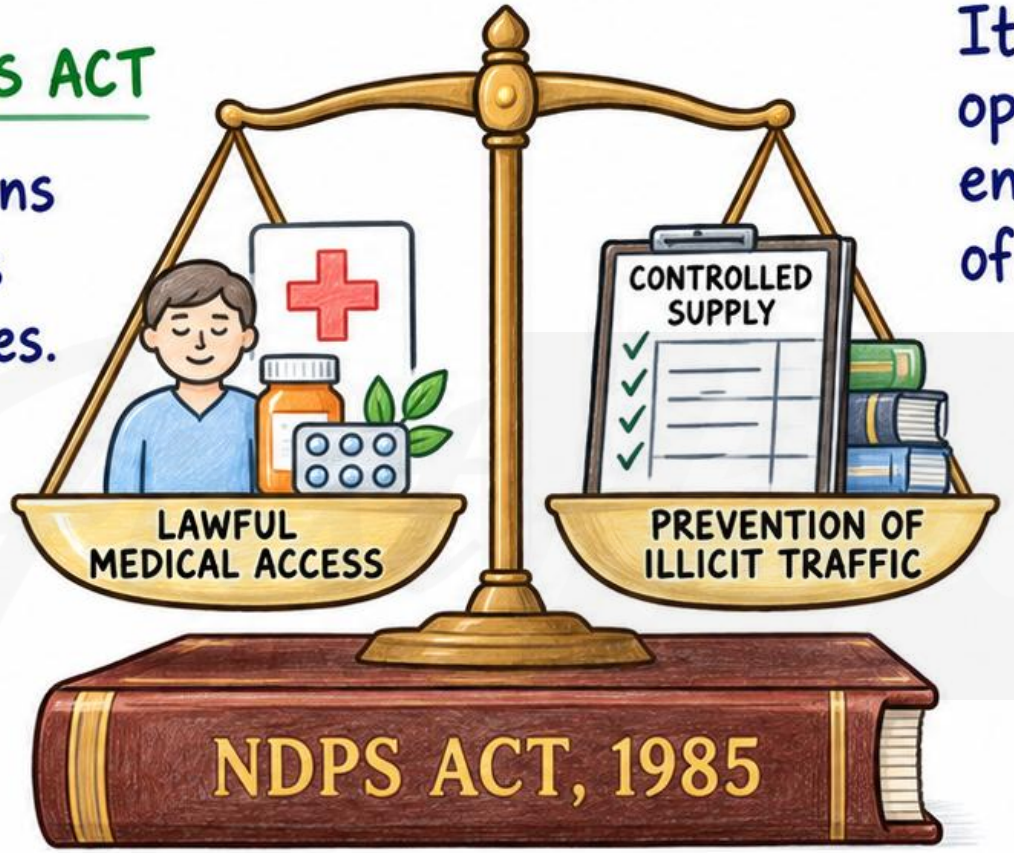


NDPS Act, 1985: purpose

NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES ACT

Consolidates and strengthens control over narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

It addresses prohibited operations, offences, penalties, enforcement and forfeiture of illegally acquired property.



The framework also recognises legitimate medical and scientific use under legal controls.



A central balance between lawful medical access and prevention of illicit traffic.

Public-health measures include prevention of misuse, treatment and rehabilitation.



The aim is not a blanket prohibition of every controlled medicine: lawful purpose and compliance with the required authorisation must go together.

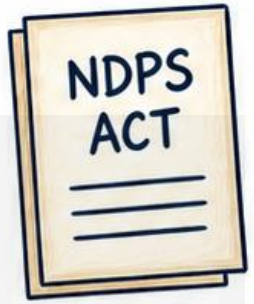
NDPS: historical and international context

1930 — 1961 — 1971 — 1985 — 1988











BEFORE 1985

Earlier Indian controls included the Opium Acts and the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1930.

INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

The 1961 Single Convention and the 1971 Psychotropic Substances Convention shaped international control.

The 1988 Convention against Illicit Traffic came later and informed subsequent cooperation and measures.

1985

The NDPS Act consolidated and strengthened the framework.

Amendments have changed penalties and medical-access arrangements over time.

Narcotic and psychotropic: legal categories

NARCOTIC DRUG



The definition includes coca leaf, cannabis, opium, poppy straw and manufactured drugs as legally defined.

NDPS definition book

PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCE



A natural or synthetic substance, natural material, salt or preparation included in the Act's Schedule.

- The legal lists and definitions determine coverage.
- Do not classify a product solely because it causes sleep, changes mood or is commonly called a narcotic.
- Drug names, salts, preparations, notifications and applicable exceptions must be read carefully in the current framework.

Manufactured drugs and controlled substances

MANUFACTURED DRUG

A defined category including specified opium derivatives, medicinal cannabis and other notified narcotic substances or preparations.

It does not mean every medicine made in a factory.



CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

A notified substance whose potential use in illicit production requires regulation, including specified precursors.



ADDICT

The Act uses this term for a person dependent on a narcotic drug or psychotropic substance.



Legal categories guide control; patient care should remain respectful and free from stigma.

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